

## **Indiana University Bloomington Campus Athletics Committee Report to the Bloomington Faculty Council for 2007-2008**

### **Introduction**

The Intercollegiate Athletics Programs Policy approved by the University Faculty Council and Board of Trustees provides for the campus athletics committee (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~ufc/docs/policies/IntercollegiateAthletics.pdf>). The policy dictates the following functions for the committee:

- a. Serves to foster University community confidence in the intercollegiate athletics program by ensuring that the program is striving to meet the mission and goals for intercollegiate athletics at Indiana University;
- b. Studies the athletics program and its relation to academic affairs of the University and campus and recommends to the campus faculty council and the administration policies relative to intercollegiate athletics;
- c. Monitors the program's compliance with policies relating to admissions, the academic performance and progress of student athletes toward graduation, and the integrity of the course of study of student athletes, seeking appropriate review of cases in which it appears that there has been abuse of academic integrity in order to promote athletics programs;
- d. Participates in the development of and approves general athletics policies related to academic matters, including academic eligibility policy, academic concerns relating to recruiting, missed class time policy, student drug use policy, and team competition and practice schedules within the scope of athletics conference and association rules;
- e. Participates in the development and recommends approval of the plans for addition /elimination of sports or programs, plans for significant revision of athletics facilities and physical plant, policies regarding the use of athletics facilities, athletics awards policy, and ticket pricing;
- f. Participates in the evaluation of the campus Athletics Director (University Athletics Director for the Bloomington committee) and the selection of the Athletics Director;
- g. Advises in personnel matters:
  - (1) Evaluates, either as a full committee or through a designated subcommittee of the full committee, coaches in regard to the impact of programs on the students' academic life.

(2) Consults, through its personnel subcommittee, regarding the selection of coaches and the dismissal of coaches or of the Athletics Director. (While the President has the authority to dismiss the Athletics Director, to the extent practical, they should consult in a timely manner with the personnel subcommittee when such actions are contemplated. In such cases, the personnel subcommittee will serve as a confidential advisory group.)

(3) Recommends general policy regarding coaches' contractual arrangements.

h. Serves in an advisory capacity regarding the athletics budget, media contracts, and institutional votes on association and conference legislation;

i. Meets at least annually with the Chancellor (or President at Bloomington) to report and confer regarding the affairs of the committee and the intercollegiate athletics department.

In addition to the policy dictating the functions of the committee, the policy mandates the structure of the committee, which covers its membership and reporting. The reporting provision requires the chairperson of the committee to submit a report annually to the Bloomington Faculty Council on the status of University Intercollegiate Athletics.

The chairperson is pleased to report that the future of University Intercollegiate Athletics is bright as demonstrated by major progress towards needed facility improvements, a budget surplus, and significant gains in the overall academic performance of its student-athletes. And although Rick Greenspan, Athletics Director, who is in large part responsible for these achievements, has announced his resignation, a smooth leadership transition is now in progress. Much credit should be given to Mr. Greenspan and his staff for the terrific work they have done.

Many achievements took place over the last year for which we are all proud; however, it was also a year of significant challenge due to the internal investigation and NCAA investigation of the alleged infractions in men's basketball. Although the allegations and initial repercussions were discouraging and distracting, many dedicated individuals from the Athletics Department, University, and the Athletics Committee worked closely together to not only address the allegations, but to provide reassurance that our core values are still intact.

Consistent with these major initiatives and activities within the Athletics Department, over the past academic year, the athletics committee reviewed a wide range of issues that covered every aspect of the committee's functions.

## Major Activities for 2007-2008

1. The committee reviewed the extent to which athletics-related practices at Bloomington were consistent with the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics proposals. The practices were found to be consistent in all areas except with respect to an established term limit for the Faculty Athletics Representative. Accordingly, the committee passed a resolution for the FAR to be given a five-year renewable term. A review of the performance of the representative will be conducted every five years, consistent with the BFC's administrative review processes.
2. The personnel subcommittee, working with the athletics director, was kept regularly abreast of team performance and personnel issues. Members of the personnel subcommittee also actively participated in hiring decisions, including for football, men's basketball, and the athletics director.
3. President McRobbie was introduced to the committee at its August 2007 retreat, but also attended its regularly scheduled meeting in March 2008. During the March meeting the President and the committee discussed a variety of issues including men's basketball, the renovation of Assembly Hall, post-season games, and student-athlete academic progress.
4. The committee oversaw implementation of a priority points system that was approved last year for faculty/staff seating at men's basketball games.
5. The committee monitored student welfare and academic progress through presentations by, and discussions with, senior athletics staff related to student-athlete exit interviews, academic progress reports, graduation rates, student ethics reports, misconduct incidents, and a review of financial aid revocations/non-renewals.
6. Members of the athletics committee were involved in all phases of the NCAA investigation of alleged infractions in men's basketball, as well as the University's response to these allegations.
7. The committee stayed abreast of the financial status of the department through regular reviews of the budget and five-year plan by the committee's finance subcommittee.
8. The athletics committee continued its effort to work closely with the Bloomington Faculty Council. In July the BFC Agenda Committee and the faculty of the athletics committee held a joint meeting to discuss a variety of issues including faculty governance, COIA, and the University's hearing before the NCAA Committee on Infractions. Rick Greenspan, Athletics Director; Grace Calhoun, Associate Athletic Director for Student Development and Compliance; and, newly appointed Head Coach Men's Basketball, Tom Crean, were also in attendance.

## **Athletics Committee Members for 2008 – 2009**

### **Appointed by the President (voting)**

#### **Wimbush, James**

Committee Chair

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2009

#### **Jaffee, Bruce**

NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative

### **Faculty Members (voting, elected by the faculty)**

#### **Zorn, Kurt**

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

#### **Lamber, Julia**

July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2009

#### **Cate, Fred**

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2010

#### **Johnson, Craig**

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2011

#### **Hossler, Don**

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2012

#### **Grim, Valerie**

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2013 (Sabbatical July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009, on leave from the committee)

#### **Johnson, Owen**

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2014

### **Alumni Representatives (voting, appointed by the President)**

#### **Cole, Courtney**

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009

#### **Radford, Wayne**

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010

#### **Bishop, MaryEllen**

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011

**Student Representatives (voting, appointed by the President)**

**Fields, Luke**

IUSA - Student Body President

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

**Kasavana, Emily**

Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) President

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

**Ex-Officio Members (nonvoting)**

**Greenspan, Rick**

IU Athletic Director

**Applegate, John**

Vice President for Policy and Planning

President's Representative

**Calhoun, Grace**

Associate Athletics Director

Senior Woman Administrator

**O'Connor, Pat**

President, I Association

**Melwid, Michael**

Student Athletic Board (SAB) President

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

**Jennifer Sinclair**

President, IU Varsity Club Board

**Assistant to the Committee (nonvoting)**

**Smithson, Terri**

Chief of Staff

Indiana University

Athletics Director's Office